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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EXTAFF MINISTER SHARP TO MOSCOW

1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 25 THAT:

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE MITCHELL SHARP, IN RESPONSE TO A LONG-STANDING INVITATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE USSR NOVEMBER 12 TO 16; THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER A.A. GROMYKO DURING HIS VISIT TO CANADA IN OCTOBER 1969.

"DURING HIS STAY IN THE USSR MR. SHARP WILL HAVE TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS ON INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THESE TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CANADIAN-SOVIET PROTOCOL ON CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDED BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND PREMIER KOSYGIN IN MAY 1971.

"MR. SHARP IS EXPECTED TO SPEND TWO OR THREE DAYS IN MOSCOW AND ALSO VISIT ONE OR TWO OTHER CITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION BEFORE RETURNING TO CANADA."

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